



# The New Castle Crier

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City Calendars are being mailed soon.



## City News

The next Regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 9th at Town Hall  
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Dec. & Jan. Holiday Changes in Trash Schedule

City Offices Closed Monday, Dec. 25th & Tuesday, Dec. 26th  
**NO** Trash Pickup

City Wide Trash Pickup Wednesday, Dec. 27th  
No Yard Waste Pickup

Reg. Schedule   Rev. Schedule  
Dec. 25th   Dec. 27th  
Dec. 26th   Dec. 27th

City Offices Closed Monday, Jan. 1st  
**NO** Trash Pickup

Reg. Schedule   Rev. Schedule  
Jan. 1st   Jan. 2nd  
Jan. 2nd   Jan. 3rd

City Offices Closed Monday, Jan. 15th  
**NO** Trash Pickup

Reg. Schedule   Rev. Schedule  
Jan. 15th   Jan. 16th  
Jan. 16th   Jan. 17th

All Year Long...



Remember the Monday "Rule of Thumb" When the City is closed for a Monday holiday, Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, with no Yard Waste pickup that week.

Best Wishes to all for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season, and New Year.  
From the City Elected Officials and Employees!

### January is the time to renew your City Business & Rental Licenses



Now is the time to renew your 2018 New Castle City Business License and Rental Housing Business License.

All business's located in and/or working within the city limits of New Castle, must have a current New Castle City business license.

All rental properties must have a current New Castle City Rental Housing Business License, which must be renewed annually; rental properties must be periodically inspected by the City Building Department.

License applications and City Code information are available at the City Administration Building, 220 Delaware Street 302-322-9801, or at newcastlecit.delaware.gov. Payment is due at the time of application.

### Apply for City Property Tax Exemptions starting Jan. 16th



January 16th begins the new cycle for homeowners to apply for the over 65 or Disability property tax

exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call the Finance Department at 322-9804.

The maximum yearly household income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the maximum. The last day to apply is May 1st.

### City Calendars will be mailed to you this year.

The City Calendar is due to mail later this month. Calendar's will also be available at the City Administration Building, the Police Station, MSC and other locations around the City.

### December/January Events



#### Shop Small Continues throughout the year.

"Shop Small" and support the businesses in and around New Castle. Many of our local shops and restaurants offer gift certificates, the perfect gift.

New Castle Senior Center is hosting events throughout the season, and through the year. Not a member? Call for info! 326-4209

Fri., Dec. 22nd 9:30 a.m.- Christmas Eve Covered Dish Brunch: Start your holiday early at the annual covered dish brunch at the center.

Fri., Dec. 29th Noon.- New Year's Party: Bring in the new year (a little early) with friends, enjoy sparkling cider, cookies, games and trivia.

**First Friday Night - Fri., Jan. 5th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Throughout Downtown.**

Walk through town visiting galleries, unique objets d'art while snacking and sipping wine.

**New Castle Library Friends Annual Meeting, Thur., Jan. 25th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (see back)**

New Castle Public Library 424 Delaware Street.

Annual meeting, dinner & program.

New Castle – The First Capital of the First State!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!



## MSC CORNER

### New Castle Cares!

The Municipal Services Commission (MSC) created the New Castle Cares Fund at the Salvation Army which can provide financial assistance to individuals who may have experienced a hardship and need assistance paying their electric and water bills. This may be an unexpected automobile repair or hospital bill.

Please contact the MSC to obtain more information (302) 323-2330 or call the Salvation Army directly at (302) 472-0700.

**MSC Offices Closed for the Holidays:** Municipal Services offices will be closed on Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th for the holiday, and also on Monday, January 1st for New Year's. As always, if you have an electric or water emergency on a holiday or after hours you can call 323-2330 or 323-2333. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

### NEW CASTLE LIBRARY FRIENDS

The New Castle Library Friends' Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25th. A light meal of chili, soups, salad, and desserts will be available at 6:00 p.m. There will be a short meeting followed by ***The Tales Tombstones Tell***. This presentation shows Delaware's history, culture, and major historical figures and events through grave markers. The talk examines tombstone architecture and interesting inscriptions.

This is a members-only meeting, but membership can be obtained at the door (\$10 individual / \$25 family). Please RSVP at the library or at [nclibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:nclibraryfriends@gmail.com).



### New Castle City Police News

The New Castle City Police is asking the citizens of the City of New Castle to actively participate in your neighborhood safety and security.

They are asking citizens with home and/or business security video monitoring to provide that information to NCPD for future investigations. This list will be maintained in the strictest of privacy.

Please contact Det. Tina Shughart at [tina.shughart@cj.state.de.us](mailto:tina.shughart@cj.state.de.us) with the address, a contact person with phone number and the general area of which your video monitoring records.

We greatly appreciate our citizens assisting NCPD with keeping your streets safe.



### Christmas Tree Recycling

**The Public Works Department encourages City residents to recycle their live Christmas trees.**

**After the Holidays, remove all decorations, ornaments, tinsel, and the stand. Place your tree curbside, City crews will perform chipping operations as they are available.**

## Code Enforcement Corner

**Code Enforcement** helps to maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City Zoning, Property Maintenance and Building Codes.

Complaint forms are available at the City Offices or on the City Web site [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov). Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; however, if feedback and/or updates are requested, name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.



**It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours of the end of a weather event.**

**The New Castle City Code, section 209-1:** Sidewalks require a minimum 3 feet of clearance within 24 hours of a snow event ending. Do not wait for warmer temperatures to clear the sidewalk.

**Please clear fire hydrants whenever possible; this could save crucial minutes in an emergency.**

Here are some tips, from our neighbors to the north for dealing with ice.

- **DO NOT** pile snow in the roadway.
- Warmer weather during the day can make ice soft, so it's easier to chip or shovel away.
- Spread sand or gravel on icy patches to make your sidewalk safer for pedestrians. Spreading sand on a sidewalk *before* ice forms can also make future ice easier to remove.